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the late Professor Henry Morse Stephens, who first surveyed the material in Spain, estimated its possibilities and secured the support of the Native Sons for the work that was to follow. Dr. Chapman gives several pages to a discussion of certain technical phases of the research labor involved in searching out the material, properly classifying it, and of preparing it for the catalogue. These directions, if followed, will unquestionably be of interest and value to any person undertaking similar labor in Spain, or elsewhere, where the arrangement of materials is the same.

The second part of the book consists of the catalogue proper and gives a general description of the 207 *legajos* used in its compilation. This material is to be found in the three respective groups under the *audiencias* of Mexico and Guadalajara, and in the Estado Papers. It is to be regretted that Dr. Chapman did not see fit to catalogue and calendar documents from the Philippine Group, of which there are many referring to California and Pacific Coast voyages. These *legajo* descriptions are of service in that they enable the investigator to know the general character of this material. Of course, they aim to do no more than give a general idea of the contents of the *legajos*, and a glance at these pages will enable the interested inquirer to know whether further search in this direction is apt to be profitable.

"The Calendar of Items" contains 6257 titles, listed chronologically, covering 224 years of Spanish rule on the Pacific Coast and in the Southwest. These documents refer in large part to California, and in themselves they tell the story of the Pacific Coast from the early expeditions under Vizcaino to the last acts of the Spaniards in California immediately preceding independence.

CHAS. H. CUNNINGHAM.

Reminiscences of Rev. Jno. H. McLean, A. M., D. D., Dallas:
The Author. 1918. Pp. 322.

The author was born in North Carolina in 1838. His family came to Texas the next year, and settled near Marshall. He has resided within the boundaries of the Lone Star State continuously since. He has, therefore, seen a marvelous transformation in this State. But the author limits himself to rather narrow bounds in the choice of the subjects treated. Chapters

III and IV contain sketches of the rudeness of the times and of his earliest recollections. Chapters V and VI give some account of McKenzie College, of its founder, and of some of its prominent students. This is one of the most valuable contributions made by the author. A good photograph of Rev. J. W. P. McKenzie is printed. In Chapter VIII one catches glimpses of the effect of the Civil War upon the churches. In 1861 Rev. Mr. McLean was stationed at Rusk, and the next year he was stationed at Sherman. "Socially and politically the communities of Marshall and Rusk, and the community of Sherman, were not altogether harmonious on the war question. The population of the first two communities were from the Gulf States principally, the last from such border States as Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas, and a preponderance of sentiment favored the Union." In Chapter IX the author gives expression to some reflections on "the war and slavery." His conclusion in the matter is that "It is cause for congratulation that slavery, long a bone of contention between the North and the South, has been removed. But the manner of its removal . . . The justice of this has left an interrogation point in the minds of not a few."

The subject of schools receives attention throughout the book. Chapter XI presents a concise history of the "rise and progress of Southwestern University"; Dr. McLean was vice-regent and regent of this school for seventeen years. There are also brief chapters devoted to John H. Reagan and to William Pinckney McLean. The volume records the experiences of a minister of the Gospel and an educator, a friend to his fellowman.

E. W. WINKLER.

Svenskarne I Texas I Ord Och Bild. 1838-1918. Ett historiskt-biografiskt arbete samladt och utgivet af Ernest Severin. Redigeradt och utarbetadt af dr. Alf. L. Scott och Pastor T. J. Westerberg. Granskadt och oversedt af red. J. M. Ojerholm. 2 Vols. I, pp. 1-604, II, pp. 606-1209 I-XIX. Austin, 1919.

Three years the publisher, Mr. E. Severin, and his coworkers, among them some of the best known Swedes in Texas, have spent in collecting and preparing the biographical, historical, and other material here presented in a form that is a credit to all concerned.